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SUBJECT: SEIZED U.S. VESSELS: CONSULAR ASSISTANCE

REF: GUAYAQUIL 252, QUITO 1083

- 1. DEPTOFF UNABLE TO LOCATE ZAPATA OCEAN RESOURCES PRESIDENT JENNINGS EVENING 13 FEBRUARY, SO PASSED ON INFORMATION GUAYAQUIL REFTEL TO JENNINGS' SECRETARY WHO PROMISED TO DELIVER INFO TO JENNINGS WHEN HE CALLED LATER THAT EVENING. WHEN WE LEARNED THAT SOUSA HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS THIS MORNING, PIERRE HOTEL NUMBER WAS CALLED, AND IT WAS LEARNED THAT JENNINGS HAD CHECKED OUT. WE CONTINUE PURSUE MATTER WITH ZAPATA HEADQUARTERS WITHOUT RESULT AS OF 1400 TODAY.
- 2. NIZETICH MESSAGE PASSED TO JOHN REAL AT TERMINAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ISLAND HEADQUARTERS OF STARKIST IMMEDIATELY AFTER OFFICES

OPENED IN CALIFORNIA. HE ASKS THAT NIZETICH CALL HIM ASAP.

3. REAL INDICATED HIS COMPANY DELAYING REMOVAL OPERATIONS WHILE "NEGOTIATIONS" WERE CONTINUING BETWEEN USG AND GOE ON MATTER OF CATCH CONFISCATION. HE SEEMED TO BASE THIS ON INFORMATION FROM TUNABOAT ASSOCIATION THAT SUCH TALKS

ARE INDEED GOING ON.

- 4. REAL WAS INFORMED OF OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS MATTER HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY EXPLORED WITHOUT SUCCESS. DEPTOFF SUGGESTED HIS AGENTS ON SCENE NEEDED CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW ORDERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND CAUTIONED AGAINST PERMITTING MISINFORMATION LEAD TO UNNECESSARY DELAYS IN UNDERSTANDABLY DISAGREEABLE PROCESS OF OFF-LOADING VESSELS. DEPTOFF ALSO WARNED FALSE HOPES THAT SITUATION PREVAILING AT THIS TIME LIKELY TO CHANGE COULD LEAD TO FURTHER MISUNDERSTANDING AND ADDITIONAL COMPLICATIONS.
- 5. AT 1430, ZAPATA'S LAWYER KELLY CALLED FOR UPDATE AND WE TOOK HIM OVER SUBSTANCE PARAS 1 AND 4. KELLY REPLIED THAT SOUSA'S JUST BEING QUOTE GOOD SOLDIER UNQUOTE WHOSE ONLY INTEREST WAS IN GETTING USG AUTHENTICATION OF EACH MOVE HE MAKES SO THERE ARE NO LATER COMPENSATION PROBLEMS. SOUSA WANTS TO MAKE NO MOVE WITHOUT STATE DEPARTMENT CONSENT, KELLY SAID. INGERSOLL

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